



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 4385-99

8 March 2000

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 March 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps dated 15 December 1999, a copy of which is enclosed.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS (BCNR)

Subj: BCNR APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]

1. During the period [REDACTED] served in the Marine Corps, the Purple Heart was authorized for award to those who were wounded or injured as a direct result of action by an enemy of the United States or an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States was engaged.
2. A review of his service and medical records, and the records at this Headquarters fails to reveal any documentation to substantiate his entitlement to the Purple Heart award.
3. Since there is no indication in his records that he was injured under conditions, which would qualify him for the Purple Heart award, regulations require that he obtain eyewitness statements. The eyewitness statements can be from the medical personnel who treated him or two other personnel who were present at the time he was injured. Statements should contain the time, place, medical attention received, and verification that the injury was a direct result of enemy action.
4. If [REDACTED] can provide the above information, further consideration will be given to his request.
5. This Headquarters does not maintain a listing of former Marines and their addresses. However, he may obtain a listing of the officers and enlisted Marines who were assigned to his former unit by requesting copies of the unit rosters for the period in question from the following address:

Director
History and Museum Division
901 M Street, SE.
Washington Navy Yard, Building 58
Washington, DC 20374-0580

6. Should he be able to locate former Marines who were eyewitness, he may request assistance in locating them from the below listed organization:

Leatherneck Magazine
Box 1977
Quantico, VA 22134
Telephone: 1-800-336-0291
E-Mail: leatherneck@illuminet.net

7. A point of contact at MMMA is Mr. [REDACTED] @ 784-9340.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Head, Service Awards Section
Military Awards Branch
Personnel Management Division
by direction of
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
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Subj: BCNR APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] is entitled to the following awards for his
service in the U.S. Marine Corps:

Combat Action Ribbon for service in Vietnam

Navy Unit Commendation awarded to Combined Action Force,
III Marine Amphibious Force for service in Vietnam during
the periods 2 October to December 1967 and January 1969 to
September 1970

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Gallantry Cross Color with palm)

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Civil Actions Color, 1st Class with palm)

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Rifle Marksman Badge

2. A point of contact at MMMA is Mr. [REDACTED] @ 784-9340.

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